

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A foldable hand tool having an open position and a closed position, comprising:

a first section having a first inner side that is ~~non-planar surface and~~ contoured to define an alignment member; and

a second section having a second inner side that is ~~non-planar surface and contoured, said second inner side being~~ contoured complementarily to said first inner side to define a recess for receiving said alignment member; and

a connector section, said connector section connected pivotably to said first section at a first connection point, and said connector section connected pivotably to said second section at a second connection point, wherein said first connection point and said second connection point are spaced from one another and positioned such that substantially all of said first inner side of said first section contacts said second inner side of said second section when said tool is in the closed position, respective contours of said first and second inner sides ~~intermeshing~~ cooperating to align said first and said second sections as the tool is moved into the closed position, said recess cooperating with said alignment member to assure proper alignment of said first section and said second section when the device is in the closed position.

2. (Original) A tool as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:  
a protruding member affixed to said first section.
3. (Previously Presented) A foldable hand tool having an open position and a closed position, comprising:  
a first section having a first inner side;  
a second section having a second inner side;  
a connector section, said connector section connected pivotably to said first section at a first connection point, and said connector section connected pivotably to said second section at a second connection point, wherein said first connection point and said second connection point are spaced from one another and positioned such that said first inner side of said first section is capable of contacting said second inner side of said second section when said tool is in the closed position;  
an alignment member affixed to one of said first and second sections; and  
a recess in the other of said one of said first and second sections, wherein said recess cooperates with said alignment member to assure proper alignment of said first section and said second section when the device is in the closed position.
4. (Original) A tool as set forth in claim 3, wherein said alignment member and said recess are cylindrical in shape.
5. (Original) A tool as set forth in claim 1, wherein the tool is a device for

cleaning and reconditioning grooves on a golf club head.

6. (Original) A tool as set forth in claim 1, wherein said first section and said second section are each approximately 2 inches in length.

7. (Original) A tool as set forth in claim 2, wherein said protruding member is completely encapsulated in the closed position.

8. (Original) A tool as set forth in claim 2 wherein said protruding member comprises a blade.

9. (Previously Presented) A foldable hand tool having an open position and a closed position, comprising:

a first section having a first inner side;

a second section having a second inner side; and

a connector section, said connector section connected pivotably to said first section at a first connection point, and said connector section connected pivotably to said second section at a second connection point, wherein said first connection point and said second connection point are spaced from one another and positioned such that said first inner side of said first section is capable of contacting said second inner side of said second section when said tool is in the closed position;

an alignment member affixed to one of said first and second sections; and

a recess in the other of said one of said first and second sections, wherein said

recess cooperates with said alignment member to assure proper alignment of said first section and said second section when the device is in the closed position.

said alignment member and said recess are cylindrical in shape, said cylindrical alignment member being attached to said tool by a corresponding semi-circular slot disposed in said one of said first and second sections, said slot being slightly larger circumferentially than a half circle so as to maintain said alignment member therein.

10. (Currently Amended) A foldable hand tool for cleaning grooves of golf clubs, said tool having an open position and a closed position, said tool comprising:

- a first section having a first inner side;
- a second section having a second inner side;
- a rigid protruding member affixed to said first section;
- a slot disposed in said second section and configured to receive said protruding member when said tool is in said closed position; and

a connector section pivotably connecting said first section to said second section, said connector section being connected pivotably to said first section at a first pin opposite said protruding member, said connector section further being connected pivotably to said second section at a second pin opposite said slot, wherein said first pin and said second pin are spaced from one another and positioned such that said first inner side of said first section contacts and mates with said second inner side of said second section when said tool is in the closed position to assure proper alignment of said first section and said second section when the device is in the closed position, and wherein said first, second and connector sections are configured to ~~limit~~ permit pivoting

only between ~~from~~ said closed position and an open position, ~~in which~~ said first and second sections are being substantially parallel in said closed position, ~~to an open position in which~~ said first and second sections are being aligned to form a straight handle in said open position.

11. (Original) A tool as set forth in claim 10 wherein said protruding member comprises a blade.

12. (Previously Presented) A tool as set forth in claim 10, further comprising:  
an alignment member affixed to one of said first and second sections; and  
a recess in the other of said one of said first and second sections;  
wherein both of said recess and said alignment member extend in a direction perpendicular to a plane in which said first and second sections pivot, said recess being configured to intermesh with said alignment member to assure proper alignment of said first section and said second section in said plane to ensure receipt of said rigid protruding member by said slot when the tool is in the closed position.

13. (Original) A tool as set forth in claim 12, wherein said alignment member and said recess are cylindrical in shape, and said alignment member is capable of being seated, at least partially, into said recess when said tool is closed.

14. (Previously Presented) A tool as set forth in claim 1, wherein said first, second and connector sections are configured to limit pivoting from said closed

position, in which said first and second sections are substantially parallel, to an open position in which said first and second sections are aligned to form a straight handle.

15. (Previously Presented) A tool as set forth in claim 12, wherein each of said recess and said alignment member is uniform in transverse cross-section along the direction in which it extends.

16. (Previously Presented) A tool as set forth in claim 8, wherein the blade is tapered from a distal point disposed proximally to the connection point on the first section, to a proximal end disposed distally to the connection point on the first section.

17. (Currently Amended) A tool as set forth in claim 11, wherein the blade is tapered from a distal point disposed proximally to the ~~connection point~~ pin on the first section, to a proximal end disposed distally to the ~~connection point~~ pin on the first section.

18. (Previously Presented) A tool as set forth in claim 9, wherein each of said recess and said alignment member is uniform in transverse cross-section along the direction in which it extends.

19. (Previously Presented) A tool as set forth in claim 9, wherein said first, second and connector sections are configured to limit pivoting from said closed position, in which said first and second sections are substantially parallel, to an open

position in which said first and second sections are aligned to form a straight handle.

20. (Previously Presented) A tool as set forth in claim 9, wherein the blade is tapered from a distal point disposed proximally to the connection point on the first section, to a proximal end disposed distally to the connection point on the first section.